

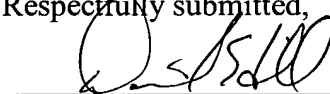
REMARKS

In response to the August 8, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified case, Applicants herein elect Claims 1-7 and 15-22 without traverse. Applicants have withdrawn Claims 8-14 from consideration in the subject application and reserve the right to prosecute these and other claims in one or more subsequent divisional, continuation and/or continuation-in-part applications.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention represents a patentable contribution to the art. Early and favorable action is accordingly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any of the foregoing, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

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